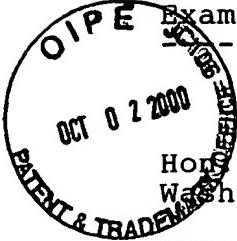


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Submitted herewith is a copy of European Search Report issued in an European Patent Office on May 9, 2000 and International Search Report issued in European Patent Office on October 2, 1996.

1. We wish to make of record certain citations listed in the International Search Report and European Search Report in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97.

2. The relevance of each listed item with regard to the different claims of the above-identified application according to the opinion of the Search Authority is indicated in the Search Report

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have been submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 23, 1996.

6. The following patent documents:

- GB - 2 214 909
- US - 5 110 617
- EP - 0 388 103
- US - 5 292 127
- DE - 22 30 816

are also cited in the International Search Report.
Applicant will submit copies of these references as they become available.

The present submission was not made at an earlier

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The above recited references taken alone or in combination are believed to neither anticipate nor to render obvious the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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